



WHY ILLINOIS

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GRADE A LOGISTICS

Located at the nation's industrial and geographic center, Illinois is the global gateway for trade, exports and passenger travel

- AIR** O'Hare nonstop global gateway
- SHIPPING** #1 container hub in Western hemisphere
- RAIL** Six Class I railroads
- ROADWAYS** Three coast-to-coast interstates
- LOGISTICS** Northern Illinois #1 location for U.S. distribution logistics (*Area Development*, 2014)



EDUCATED WORKFORCE

Over 200 higher education institutions, 48 community colleges with 240 job training fields, and a 6.6-million-person workforce

TOP BUSINESS SCHOOLS • Booth, Chicago • Kellogg, Northwestern

TOP ENGINEERING SCHOOLS • University of Illinois • Northwestern University

TOP MEDICAL SCHOOLS • Pritzker, Chicago • Feinberg, Northwestern



KEY INDUSTRIES

A diverse state economy with strong agrarian roots and newer, technology-based industries

TRADITIONAL AND EMERGING INDUSTRIES

- Agribusiness
- Heavy Machinery
- Transportation Equipment
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Energy and Renewables
- Biotech and Life Sciences



MAJOR CORPORATIONS

Illinois is home to over 400 worldwide corporations and global headquarters, including 32 Fortune 500 companies

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

Abbott Labs	Caterpillar	Fortune Brands	McDonald's	Sears Holdings
ADM	CDW	Grainger	Motorola	Smurfit-Stone
Allstate	CME Group	Hyatt Hotels	Navistar	State Farm
Aon	Discover	Illinois Tool Works	OfficeMax	TDS
Baxter	John Deere	Integrus	RR Donnelley	UAL Corp
Boeing	Exelon	Kraft Foods	Sara Lee	Walgreens



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RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Midwestern leader in science and technology, R&D start-ups and corporations

- Argonne National Laboratory
- Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
- University of Illinois
- Northwestern University
- University of Chicago and IIT
- 8 Technology Parks across state
- Top Research/Medical Schools



QUALITY OF LIFE

Chicago is significantly more affordable than other large U.S. urban centers and technology hubs (*Council for Community and Economic Research, 2014*)

CHICAGO AREA Lake Michigan, world-renowned museums, blues and jazz, thriving theater district, professional and collegiate sports teams

DOWNSTATE Abraham Lincoln presidential sites, state fair attractions, scenic parks and wineries and outdoor sporting activities



AFFORDABLE RENTS

INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE RENTS (*Colliers International, December 2012*)

City	USD\$/SF/Yr	City	USD\$/SF/Yr
London	\$21.95	Shanghai	\$6.62
Hong Kong	\$21.83	Los Angeles	\$6.21
Tokyo	\$20.61	Beijing	\$6.04
San Francisco	\$9.48	Toronto	\$4.85
Washington, D.C.	\$6.73	Chicago	\$3.71



COMPETITIVE TAXES

Corporate taxes and low rents make Illinois a number-one choice for site locators

CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATES (*Tax Foundation, January 2015*)

Midwest	Rate	Nationally	Rate
Iowa	12.0%	Pennsylvania	9.9%
Minnesota	9.8%	New Jersey	9.0%
Wisconsin	7.9%	California	8.8%
Indiana	7.0%	New York	7.1%
Illinois	5.25%	Illinois	5.25%